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The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" I do not quite understand the question. I may state generally that it is impossible for Government to give any exact figure of expenditure on the Cauvery delta for this reason that this system was constructed by the ancient Hindu Rajas long before Government took possession. What was spent then we do not know and it must only be a matter of conjecture."

Progress of the scheme for the construction of a tank across the Kaveri Vagu, Nellore district.

* 506 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the stage reached in the construction of a new tank across Kaveri Vagu in Gundimadakala village, Udayagiri taluk, Nellore district?

A.—Plans and estimates have been received by Government. The scheme is being considered in connexion with the next year's budget.

Representations for diversion of water into the Badathalav tank, Salem district.

* 507 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been received from the pattadars under the Badathalav tank ayacut in Krishnagiri taluk of Salem district in or about July last either by the Government or by the District Collector or any of the local officials praying for the diversion of water from the Markandeya river, or from the jungle stream in Narlapalli reserve forest through Chakanayur tank, to the said Badathalav tank to provide adequate supply for irrigation; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken thereon and what the Government propose to do with the schemes suggested?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A petition, dated 20th July 1935, was received by Government and forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. The scheme for the diversion of water from the Markandeya river was abandoned in 1926 on financial grounds. The Chief Engineer (Irrigation) will submit a report on the other scheme if he considers it feasible.

Land Revenue Administration

Penalty for raising fodder crops in the delta taluks of the Nellore district.

* 508 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to the supplementary question to question No. 108 answered on 7th August 1935—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the report which they undertook to call for from the Collector of Nellore; and